



Rock Island Rotary Weekly Review

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MEETING EVERY TUESDAY NOON - QUAD CITY BOTANICAL CENTER



Dr. Louis M. Katz



April – May Calendar

- June 23- Rotarian Book Club. Fellow Rotarians will speak about books recently read.
- June 30- President Mark Mayeski makes his farewell address and will recap a most unique and challenging year as our President.
- July 7 - President Angela Campbell takes the reins of Rock Island Rotary and lays out her hopes and expectations for the coming year.
- July 14 - Steve Bahls Augustana College President
- July 21 - Jerry Huiskamp Former President of Blackhawk Bank
- July 28 - Chris Marme Augustana Economics Dept.

Dr. Louis Katz, MD is an Infectious Disease Specialist in Davenport, IA and has over 44 years of experience in the medical field. He received his medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, where he trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases, and he is board certified in both. Katz has served as the chair of the America's Blood Centers' Scientific, Medical, and Technical Committee; as a member and chair of the AABB Transfusion Transmitted Diseases Committee; and as a member and chair of the FDA Blood Products Advisory Committee. Dr. Katz, the Medical Director for the Scott County Health Department and Chief Medical Officer of America's Blood Centers is also an Adjunct Clinical Professor Department of Internal Medicine Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, has been on the front line of infectious disease preparedness in the Quad Cities. "We clearly weren't as prepared as we should have been," he told Rock Island Rotarians at today's meeting, Reviewing the current pandemic, Dr. Katz stated that initially the Chinese stated that the disease started in late January in a Wuhan seafood market. That allegation proved to be untrue, Katz said, and that starting in November and that bats were probably the source. He stated it definitely began in China. The disease is known to spread via droplets, typically from a cough. How long the virus remains viable in the air is unknown, but hotly debated. Much is unknown at this time, such as whether a person infected who recovers is then immune from reinfection, and if so, for how long. Presently there are 8 million cases of the virus and 500,000 deaths. In the United States, which has 4% of the world's population that are 2 million cases (27% of the world total) and 120,000 deaths. Katz said that the medical community missed detection of the disease in January and February because there were between 40 to 56 million cases of the flu at that time and corona virus was not recognized as a separate virus. Corona virus has a 5-6-day incubation period from exposure but has been known to incubate for up to 14 days. The fatality rate for the disease is between 1 and 2% of those stricken with those between the ages of 60 to 80 having the highest mortality rate. Most susceptible to serious illness from the virus are the elderly who also have serious underlying health issues. Dr. Katz said it is very clear that person to person contact is the main way the disease spreads. Social distancing has been the most effective way of slowing the spread. Withing households with an infected member, 10.5% of the other household members will become infected. The doctor states that the steps necessary to stay safe and 1) Identifying those who are infected, 2) Determining and tracing with whom the infected party has had contact, 3) Social distancing 4) Hand hygiene, 5) Controlling the source of infection via masking and screening, and 6) Environment disinfection. He noted that numerous vaccines are in the testing stages and that testing of convalescent plasma (harvesting antibodies from those who have recovered from the disease) is also in the testing phase. His prediction is that as states "reopen" there will be a spike in cases since reopening will bring about more person to person contact. He said there is a trade-off and people must decide their priorities. Dr. Katz is one of the foremost authorities on the virus in the country and we appreciate his time with us..



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2019-20

Aug. – Sep. Kathy Trone
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June – July: Tom Hammar

Have a program idea? Contact the chairman listed above for a possible date.

Club Notes & Announcements!

- ☐ **WELCOME GUESTS** – Rock Island Rotary was pleased to have two guests at today's meeting. Duncan Cameron, a visiting Rotarian joined us from Naples, FL. Also joining was Carrie Smith, from the Corporate Citizenship /Committee of Illinois Casualty Company, a guest of Howard Beck. Guests are always welcome at Rock Island Rotary, the Number One Club!
- ☐ **BORED STAYING AT HOME!** Grab your Club Directory and call a Rotarian. Just chat, find out how they are doing and compare notes on how they pass the time while Sheltering at Home. Maintaining a semblance of social contact is good for you and you'll be surprised how good you feel just chatting with a fellow club member. You might just "make the day" for the Rotarian you call.
- ☐ **SERVICE** – Rotary members are needed to help with the Heart of Hope Food Pantry. We help every Thursday. The Pantry serves those using walkers and scooters starting at 4:30pm. The distribution to the general public will begin at 5:30pm and will last until 6:30pm. They do not need our help to serve the early group, therefore, the volunteer time needed is only one hour. During the current health crisis, the needs of the less fortunate still exist and may even become greater. People still are hungry and still need the food they receive from Heart of Hope Food Pantry. The plan at this time is for the operation of the Food Pantry to continue and our help and support is still needed. But the distribution system of food has changed. Instead of a shopping format where the guest walks through the building selecting the food they want, the food now is pre-packaged into bags and just hand out to the guests. Contact with the public is reduced considerably. Food will be delivered to the elderly and disabled so that that population does not have to leave their homes. Used but sound plastic bags are needed now even more than in the past. Drop off bags anytime the Heart of Hope Center is open. Call Steve Morenz to volunteer at 309-721-7632 or just show up any Thursday at 5:15 to help pack bags. Clients will not come into the food pantry until further notice.
- ☐ **HAVE ITEMS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER?** Email items, including photos to Bob Swanson at bobdebswanson@att.net.

KEVIN KOSKI REPORTS ON BIRDIES



With just one week to go we need Rotarians to make that call to Kevin Koski and register your Birdies donation. We started with a goal of 40 pledges (barely 50% of our members) and going into the final week, sit at 26 to date. Just a \$10 or \$20 pledge will be greatly appreciated and will be matched by a Deere Foundation 5% donation. The Birdies 2020 brochure is part of this newsletter. Please use the pledge portion of the form and send it to Kevin or just email or call Kevin with your information. He will complete and submit your form for you. Remember, pledges of any amount are welcome. Let's be sure to meet and exceed our goal of 40 donors!! ONE WEEK LEFT!

THE TAB GROWS!

Today "Happy Dollars" were offered by Cindi Gramenz for placing the order for new chairs for Christian Care funded by our Club and a matching District 6420 grant. John Wetzel offered two happy dollars, one for his birthday this week and one for enjoying a great drive in service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moline. Rebecca Arnold chipped in a dollar in celebration of the wedding anniversary of her parent, Charlie and Mary Arnold, John Olinger offered his happy dollar in honor of his son Danny's marriage to Elly Bieber this past Saturday. Congratulations to all!!

FOUNDATION MINUTE

It's Week 2 of the Youth Activities Month of Rotary International.

For a change, this week's report is not starting with an update on COVID-19; instead good news begins with the Rotary Club of Solon, Ohio. The 30-member club was awarded a Humanitarian Global Grant that will total at least \$66,000 for a project in Uganda. The grant, which TRF provided \$16,000 in matching funds, will help improve hygiene and sanitation for two schools in Uganda. Specifically, students will enjoy a healthy life in school, with toilets that function and wash facilities for improved female hygiene. The Rotary Club of Mbale, Uganda is also contributing to the project.

TRF has made funds available to local Rotary districts through The Global Disaster Relief. Thirty-six clubs making up Rotary District 5330 (CA, USA) applied for and received Disaster Relief Funds. Riverside Sunrise, Arlington Rotary, "Sin Fronteras" and the Rotary Club of Riverside donated \$2,776 to Riverside University Health Systems for disease prevention and treatment.

We will end this report with some positive news on Coronavirus. Rotary District 7780 (northern New England, USA) received a Covid-19 Disaster Response Grant for \$25,000 from TRF to combat local food insecurity. Divided among 41 Rotary Clubs in Southeast Maine and New Hampshire, each club received approximately \$600. The Rotary Club of Kittery (Maine) matched the grant dollar-for-dollar and awarded it to Ore Nell's Barbecue, a small local restaurant making a difference in the city. Chef and owner of the restaurant, David Vargas, has been helping to feed essential workers including hospital staff, first responders and school nutrition professionals.

"If this Rotary of ours is destined to be more than a mere passing thing, it will be because you and I have learned the importance of bearing with each other's infirmities, the value of toleration." — Rational Rotarianism, The National Rotarian, January 1911

Rock Island Rotary



PUMPKIN PALOOZA 2020

Hosting First and Second grade classes from Earl Hanson School

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Should this event be postponed or changed, we will still plan something fun for the kiddos and teachers and give them a t-shirt.

Sponsorship

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\$100

Helps to provide a t-shirt for every participant

Sponsor's name/logo will be printed on the back of the shirts

Thank you for your support for a great day for a great group of kids.
Please make checks payable to Rock Island Rotary and indicate this is for Pumpkin Palooza Sponsorship.

Thank you.

The Pumpkin Palooza Team

HELP A SISTER CLUB – ILLINOIS QUAD CITIES ROTARY CLUB



Ruth Lee advises that members of the Illinois Quad Cities Rotary Club were generous in their support of our recent Wine Raffle. They sponsor their own "GIFT CARD" fundraising raffle with a drawing next month and to their credit held sending out their information until our raffle was completed.

The Illinois Quad Cities Rotary Club is partnering with River Bend Foodbank providing support for their School Pantry Program. Their "Gift Card Raffle" has 17 gift cards representing local businesses for a total of \$345.00 in value. For every dollar raised, the Rotary Foundation will match up to \$1500.

Help support the Illinois Quad Cities Rotary and the School Pantry Program, as well as our community businesses. The raffle drawing will be held on July 15, 2020.

To purchase tickets, simply contact the Illinois Quad Cities Rotary Club president, George McDoniel at g.mcdoniel@mchsi.com. Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO ATTEND A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FREE!
SIGN UP FOR THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION – It's FREE use this link:
<https://www.riconvention.org/en/sign-2020-rotary-virtual-convention>

General Sessions

Watch inspiring speakers, panelists, videos, and entertainment and witness the power of Rotary connections.

Featured Breakouts

Connect with the family of Rotary to discover inventive ways to engage, increase our ability to adapt, and learn new skills that will strengthen your club and community.

The Virtual Convention will take place **this weekend, June 20-26**. You can find the entire schedule [here](https://www.riconvention.org/en/sign-2020-rotary-virtual-convention), including a link to a time conversion tool. On 19 June, visit www.riconvention.org, and click the General Session Button. That will take you to a site where you can test your connection and verify that you are set up to see and hear the content on 20 and 21 June.

Our campaign ends next week on June 23rd. \$50 club prize for the closest guess in the club. Proceeds go to our own Rock Island Rotary Foundation. Money raised will have a guaranteed match of 5% (last year it was 7.25%). Our goal is 40 pledges for \$2.25. Print the second page, fill out and send to Kevin Koski, 1309 - 38th Ave. Ct., Rock Island 61201. If you cannot print the pledge form, you can email or phone Kevin with your information. Email to kevinkoski3@gmail.com, or call (309) 788-6007.

The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund continues the bonus promise

The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund was established to support the continuing efforts of the John Deere Classic, a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit organization, to provide bonus dollars to participating charities. To qualify, charities must be publicly supported and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(C)(3) organization. All charitable contributions must come from a designated donor, and must not be part of a capital campaign. The Birdies for Charity program is intended to support charitable organizations, services, operations and programs. It is not intended to be used for endowment or brick and mortar charitable purposes.

As before, the tournament will provide a bonus to all participating charities. This year, all charities will be guaranteed a 5% bonus on amounts up to their prior year pledge total, or \$100,000, whichever is greater. Additional bonus dollars will be based on tournament revenues. The Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund is the source of these bonus dollars. This fund is supported with dollars from tournament revenues, individual donors, and corporations. These dollars will be distributed annually, and are designed not to compete with, but to enhance the benefits for the over 500 charities that participate in the program. So, if you are not already participating, this is the year to hop on board.



JULY 6-12, 2020

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Chip in for your charity

OFFICIAL PLEDGE CARD **2020**



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

15623 Coaltown Rd, East Moline, Illinois 61244



78.4%



ROCK ISLAND ROTARY CLUB

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

937

BIRD NUMBER

I pledge and promise to donate:

☐ \$_____ one-time flat donation.
Please attach payment. Checks payable to
Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.
OR

☐ \$_____ - _____ for every birdie made
during the John Deere Classic.

☐ \$_____

extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund

Donations to the BFC Bonus Fund (#1041) benefit all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2020 LEXUS NX!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.

Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where
prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2,160 (2011)	2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)
2,113 (2012)	1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)
2,142 (2013)	1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)

PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE OR EMAIL _____

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive every single penny of the donations from this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a guaranteed 5% match.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation OR pledge one cent or more per birdie. After the tournament, you'll be mailed a notice of your pledge amount due.

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

*Your pledge is based on actual
number of birdies scored.*

I pledge \$_____ one-time donation

OR \$_____ - _____ per birdie

If 2,000 birdies are made, my total pledge would be:

1¢ = \$20	3¢ = \$60	5¢ = \$100
2¢ = \$40	4¢ = \$80	10¢ = \$200

I guessed _____ birdies would be made



GRAND PRIZE:

2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2020 LEXUS NX



LEXUS
SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES

One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic's Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2020 Lexus NX, courtesy of Smart Lexus of the Quad Cities. Other prizes awarded by random drawing.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties and other prizes determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by July 10, 2020.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com.
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.

Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.